

CARR-1298

John R. Strevig Farm  
3314 Lineboro Road  
Melrose (vicinity)

c. 1874

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# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. CARR-1298

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic John R. Strevig Farm

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 3314 Lineboro Road

☐ not for publication

city, town Melrose

☒ vicinity of

congressional district

state Maryland

county Carroll

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Robert A. and Gloria G. Bair

street & number 3314 Lineboro Road

telephone no.: 239-3702

city, town Manchester

state and zip code Maryland 21102

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Courthouse Annex

liber 495

street & number 55 North Court Street

folio 559

city, town Westminster

state Maryland

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date

☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town

state

## 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved      date of move _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

**Summary:** The John R. Strevig Farm is located on the northwest side of Lineboro Road, approximately one and one-quarter miles east of Melrose and two miles north of Manchester. The farm complex consists of a brick dwelling house built c. 1874, a frame summer kitchen to the southwest, and a brick smokehouse to the northwest. The house is a two-story, four-bay by two-bay banked structure of 5-1 common bond brick on a rubble stone foundation. It is built on the "Pennsylvania Farmhouse" plan and is banked into the hill on the northwest side. There is a raised, one-story shed roof porch across the southeast. The interior has been altered. Northwest of the house is a 5-1 common bond brick smokehouse. Southwest of the house is a one and one-half story frame summer house with German siding. There is a standing seam metal gable roof and porches on the southwest and northeast sides. The southwest is four bays, having a boarded-up window, a vertical board door, a boarded-up door, and a 1/1 double-hung sash.

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The northeast elevation has two windows on each story, two small metal vents in the gable end of the attic and a new external brick chimney in the center. The southwest elevation also has an exterior brick chimney in the center, flanked by metal vents in the attic, and a window in the south bay of each story. The cellar of this elevation has an original six-light fixed-wood sash in the west bay and a new 1/1 sash in the east bay. The latter opening once had a pair of shutters. The northwest side of the house has a

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new two-story, aluminum-sided ell to the north and a one-story addition to the west. In the west bay is the ghost of an earlier porch at the first story, and a window in the second story. According to the owner, there was formerly an enclosed double porch here with two exterior doors.

The cellar of the house was originally divided in half by a brick wall that ran from front to back, but has been removed. The joists are 2" x 6" and are sawn, and tenoned into a summer beam that runs the length of the house. The rafters are sawn as well, and are 2  $\frac{3}{4}$ " x 3  $\frac{1}{2}$ ". They have central tenons with pegs at the ridge, and support wide laths. There are also wind braces notched into the top of the rafters. There was originally an internal brick chimney centered on the southwest gable peak. The interior has been altered, but probably had one room on the northeast side and two rooms to the southwest. Marks in the random-width pine floor suggest possibly an enclosed center stair originally. Now, the stairs are in the west corner of the house. A joist in the attic was cut out to insert the stairs, further suggesting that these stairs may be a later alteration. A former owner said that the interior was gutted by fire, but the date of this event is unknown.

Northwest of the house is a 5-1 common bond brick smokehouse on a rubble stone foundation. It has a gable roof with inverted V-seam metal covering and a wood box cornice. The southeast gable end has a tongue-and-groove vertical board door with a splayed jack arch, and a small opening above that has three brick voussoirs. The northwest elevation has an identical opening in the gable end. The lower western corner of the southwest elevation contains a hinged metal door that opens into the brick firepit in the west corner. The tree survives inside, as well, and is octagonal in plan.

Southwest of the house is a one and one-half story frame summer house with German siding and corner boards. It rests on a rubble stone foundation. There is a standing seam metal gable roof, and porches on the southwest and northeast sides. The southwest porch is cantilevered, and is supported by the exposed, hewn joists that project from the upper floor of the building. There are no posts, and it does not appear that there ever were. This elevation is four bays, having a boarded-up window, a vertical board door, a boarded-up door covered by a later CMU chimney, and a 1/1 double-hung sash. All of the windows are 1/1 sash with a beaded-edge surround. The southeast elevation is two bays, with smaller windows in the reduced height of the upper story. There is a brick cellar bulkhead with plywood doors in the east bay and a boarded window to the south. The northwest elevation has two 1/1 sash in the first story. The north window is boarded over. The porch on the northeast elevation was originally

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similar to that on the southwest, but has been extended about one foot, enclosed, and covered with aluminum siding on a CMU foundation.

There was originally a large brick fireplace on the southeast wall of the cellar. The original exterior entrance to the cellar was through a door on the northeast elevation, under the porch. There is also a window on this wall, but both openings were closed off when the porch was enclosed. The walls of the cellar are plastered. The joists are hand-hewn and tenoned into the sills. The first story has been paneled. According to the owner the stairs along the northwest wall originally went down into the cellar as well as to the upper story. The hewn plates and end girts have notches on the bottom and appear to have been reused. The 2x4 sawn rafters have wind braces notched into the top side, and support wood laths.

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# 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates	Builder/Architect
c. 1874	
check: Applicable Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	
and/or	
Applicable Exception: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G	
Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local	

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

**Summary:** In 1874, Henry B. Strevig sold 70 acres of his original farm to John R. Strevig for \$4,000. Whether a building campaign was launched just before or just after the purchase of the farm is unclear, but by 1876 John R. had completed the existing two-story brick dwelling. It was valued at \$500. His barn was described as being log and frame, and was worth \$150. The log barn remained in use for quite some time, being replaced with a new barn worth \$400 by 1905. That barn has since disappeared, as well. John R. and Mary Strevig sold their farm to John W. and Clara Strevig in 1920, reserving the frame and weatherboard house for their use. This was most likely the "summer kitchen" structure that still exists southwest of the brickhouse.

Historic Period Themes: Agriculture, Architecture

Geographic Organization: Piedmont

Chronological/Development Periods: Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930

Resource Types: Small family farm; Rural vernacular

John Strevig, Sr. purchased at least 156 acres of the original land patent "Koutz's Lot" before the creation of Carroll County in 1837. Strevig was one of several parties involved in laying out and opening Lineboro Road from the Baltimore and Hanover Turnpike near George Shower's Farm (CARR-595) to Martin Kroh's Mill (CARR-818) at the corner of Tracey's Mill Road and Watertank Road. The plat (WW2-27) of the road alignment shows a house existing on the site in 1838. The road likely existed, at least in part, much earlier, but in a much less formalized and official fashion. John, Sr. sold 104 acres of this farm to Henry B. Strevig (presumably his son), in 1859. Henry was living on the 65-acre farm that was to become the Joseph Price Farm (CARR-1307), but sold it at the same time he purchased this. Henry was living at the approximate location of the existing brick house on this farm by 1862. No doubt the house that shows up on that map was the log house, with log barn, noted in the 1866 tax assessment. Henry had paid \$3,120 for the parcel, and seven years later the value had jumped to \$4,680, suggesting that he could have been responsible for the construction of some of these

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buildings. With livestock worth \$502, farm machinery of \$120, farm produce valued at \$50, and a \$35 carriage, Henry was a successful farmer.

His good fortune continued. In 1872, he purchased 70 acres from his neighbor George Weaver. This was likely done with the anticipation of setting up a son on his own farm, for in 1874 Henry sold 70 acres of his original farm to John R. Strevig for \$4,000. Whether a building campaign was launched just before or just after the purchase of the farm is unclear, but by 1876 John R. had completed the existing two-story brick dwelling. It was valued at \$500. His barn was described as being log and frame, and was worth \$150. No doubt this was the same structure that Henry had owned ten years before. Local tradition holds that a white house located southwest of this site originally stood here and was sold and moved down the road to the other farm. It is possible, then, that Henry Strevig's log house still survives.

John R. Strevig was obviously just getting started since he owned only one horse, three cattle, and five hogs. The log barn remained in use for quite some time, being replaced with a new barn worth \$400 by 1905. That barn has since disappeared, as well. John R. and Mary Strevig sold their farm to John W. and Clara Strevig in 1920, reserving the frame and weatherboard house for their use. This was most likely the "summer kitchen" structure that still exists southwest of the brick house. This building used to have a large brick fireplace in the plastered cellar and corner stairs from the cellar to the attic. Whether it was constructed as a retirement home, or converted into one, cannot be said with certainty, but the use of small retirement homes in an earlier period has been noted by Joe Getty in Carroll's Heritage (p. 69).

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Carroll County Land Records  
Tax Assessments, 1841, 1852, 1866, 1876, 1876-96, 1896-1910  
1862 & 1877 maps

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 1.1675 acresQuadrangle name ManchesterQuadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Kenneth M. Short, Historic Plannerorganization Carroll County Department of Planningdate July 7, 1992street & number 225 North Center Streettelephone (410) 857-2145city or town Westminsterstate Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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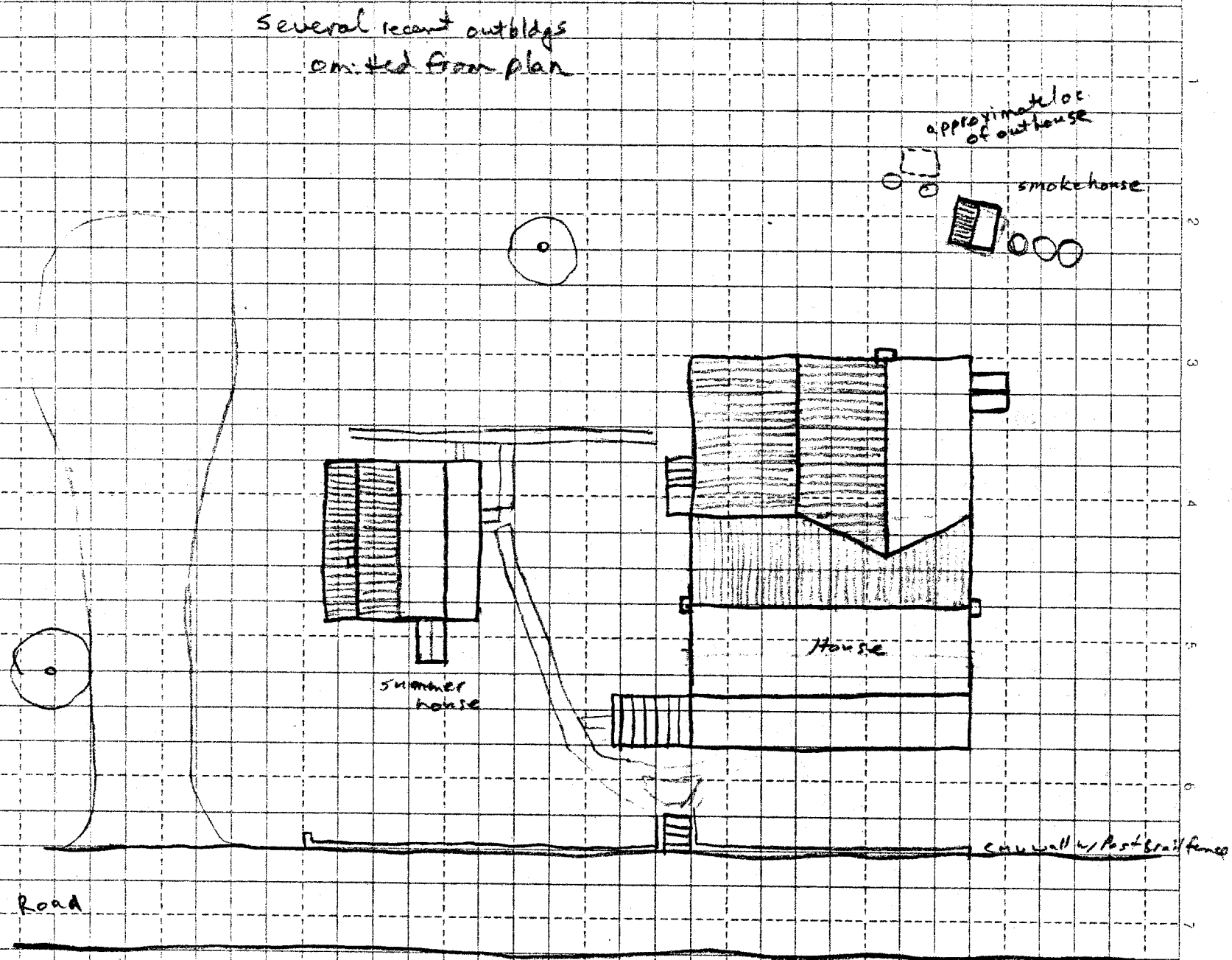
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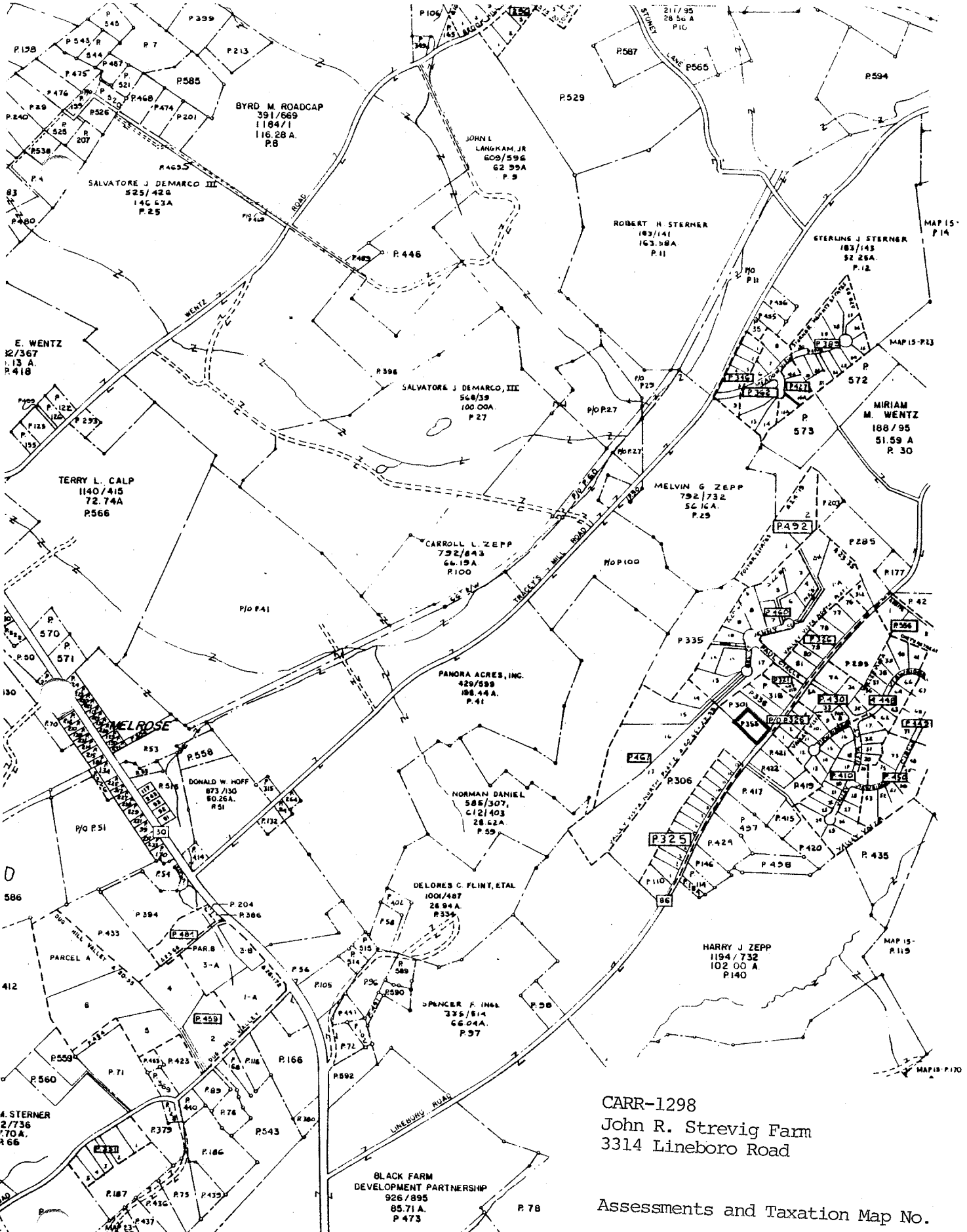
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Wayne & Janet Kelley Theodore & Dorothy Kelley	Carroll	Robert Bair & Gloria Bair	Carroll	9-9-1971	CCC 495	559	Deed fee simple	\$5.00 1.1675 a. barn & tenant house on property, part of 1st tract below
Stafford Keith & wife Avanell	Carroll	Wayne & Janet Kelley, Theodore & Dorothy Kelley	MD	11-17- 1967	CCC 430	275	Deed fee simple	\$10.00 1st tract - 69.4+ a., 2nd 7.6+ a.
Gilbert & Catherine Jones	Carroll	Stafford & Avanell Keith	?	5-28- 1963	CCC 360	5	Deed fee simple	\$10.00 (1) 69.4+ a. (2) 7.6+ a.
Ralph Hoffman, Assignee of Mortgage, Donald & Anna Aughinbaugh	Carroll	Gilbert & Catherine Jones	Carroll	4-15- 1957	EAS 274	404	Deed fee simple	\$1.00 68 a.
Elmer & Anna Shanks	Carroll	Donald & Anna Aughinbaugh	Carroll	1-28- 1955	EAS 242	333	Deed fee simple	\$10.00 68 a.
Vernon & Erma Krebs	Carroll	Elmer & Anna Shanks	Carroll	4-1-1950	EAS 204	315	Deed	\$10.00 68+ a. of 118+ already sold off 49+ a.
John W. & Clara Strevig	Carroll	Vernon & Erma Krebs	?	4-25- 1932	EMM 157	208	Deed	\$5.00 40 a. & 78 a. lists 2 deeds
John R. & Mary Strevig	Carroll	John W. & Clara Strevig	Carroll	3-20- 1917	EOC 130	222	Deed fee simple	\$3,400 (a) 17½ a. (b) 17⅘ a. (c) 20⅞ a. See 124-370 (1)

GRANTOR	HOME COUNTY	GRANTEE	HOME COUNTY	DATE	LIBER	FOLIO	TRANS ACTION	COMMENTS
John R. & Mary Strevig	Carroll	John W. & Clara Strevig	Carroll	4-1-1920	EOC 136	120	Deed fee simple	64 a. & 6 a. \$5,000 including wood lots 3-7 of Rohrbaugh's in case 3457 sold 1897 - 8 acres reserves frame & weatherboard house for J & MS See 43-528 (2)
William Zepp & wife Amanda	Carroll	John & Mary Strevig	Carroll	3-30-1914	ODG 124	370	Deed fee simple	\$3,640 a. 17½ a. b. 1⅞ a. c. 20⅞ a. (1)
Henry B. Strevig	Carroll	John R. Strevig	Carroll	4-4-1874	JBB 43	528	Deed fee simple	\$4,000 64 a. & 6 a. (2)
John Strevig, Jr.	Carroll	Henry B. Strevig	Carroll	4-1-1859	GEW 25	367	Deed fee	\$3,120 104 a. no earlier ref. (2)
William C. Zepp & wife		William S. Zepp		4-10-1875	FTS 45	135		(a)
Lewis H. P. Weaver		William S. Zepp		12-29-1885	WNM 64	65		(b)
William C. Zepp		William S. Zepp		10-12-1886	<u>wills</u> GMP 6	2	By will (15 Feb. 1886) #1779 GMP 6-2	(c)

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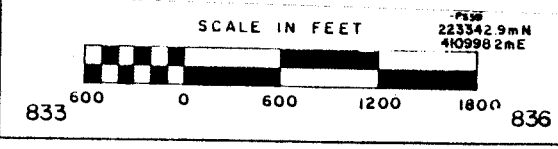




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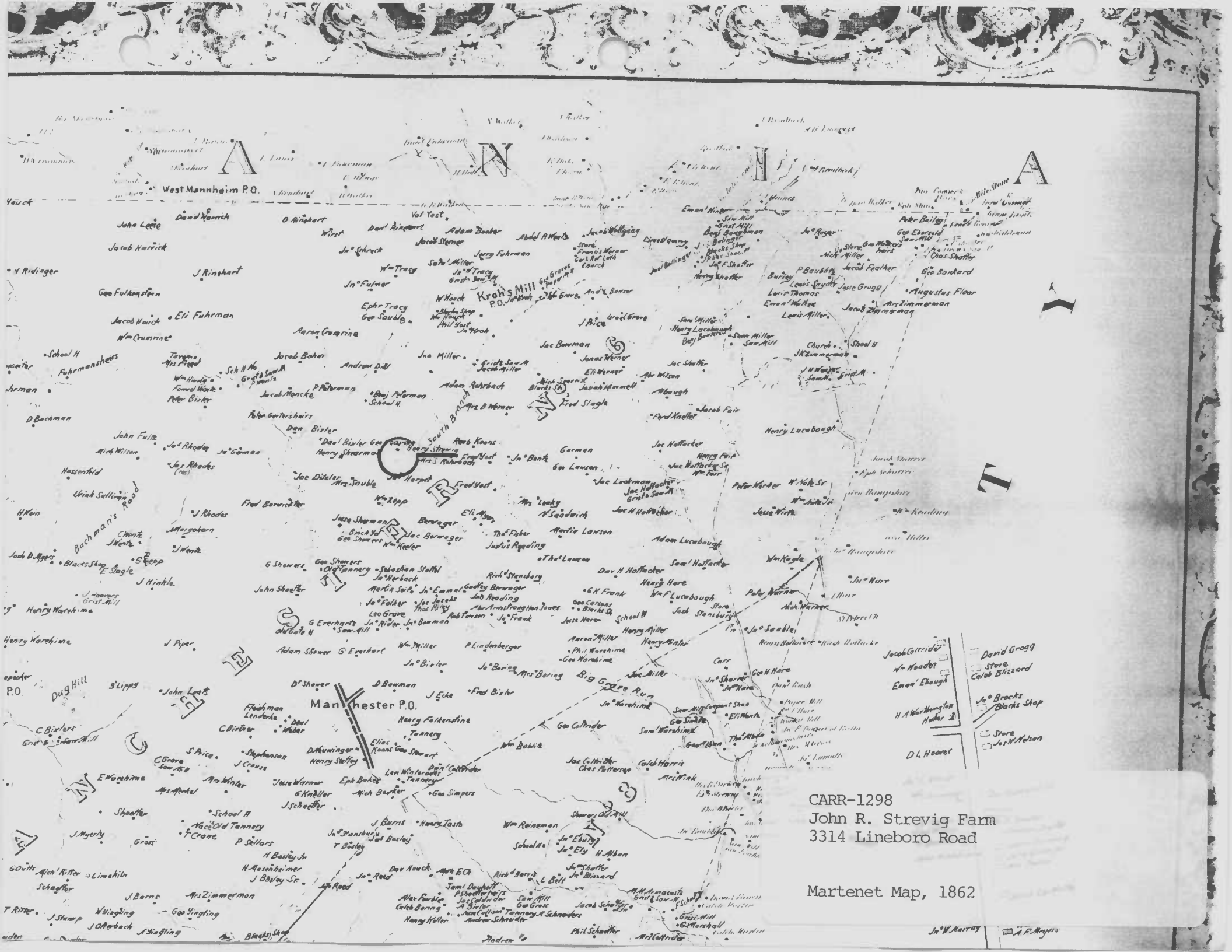
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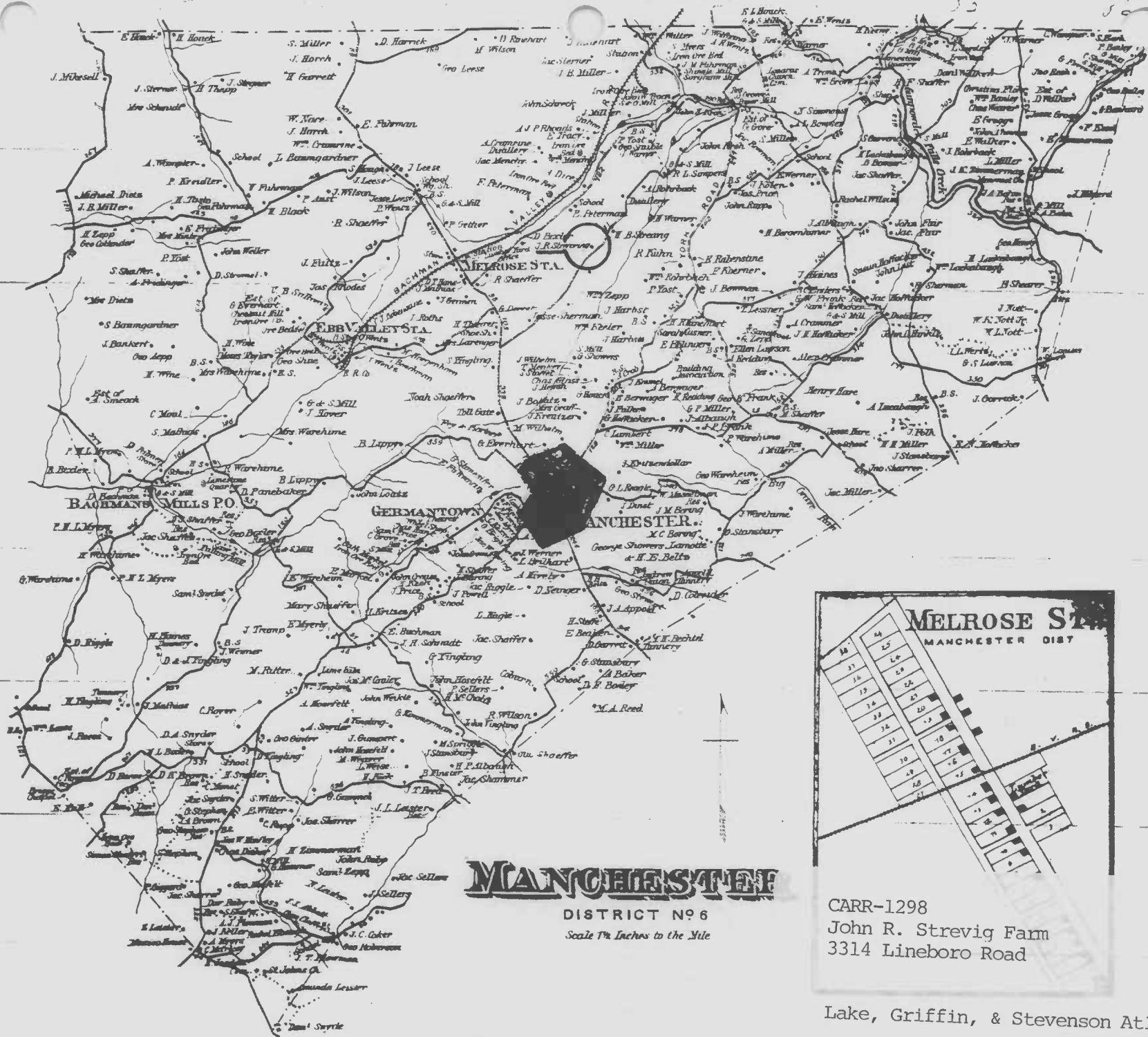
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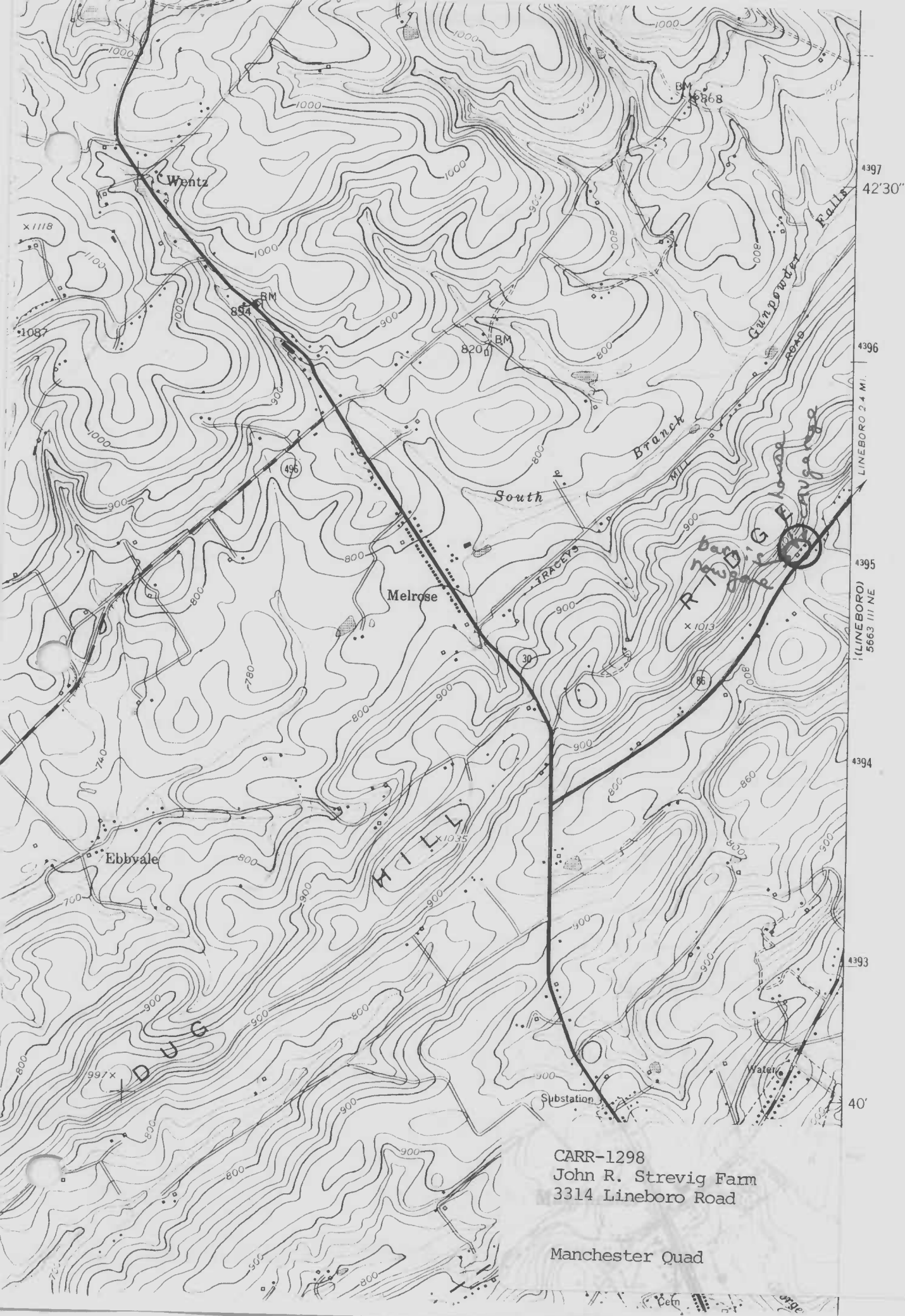
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Manchester Quad





John R. Shaving Farm

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Summerhouse - SE. & SW elevs.

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Smokehouse - S.W. - S.E. elev. 5

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